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Union County...

Widening of State Route 11, Murphy Highway, Open House Next Week

BLAIRSVILLE, Ga., - The Georgia Department of transportation will host a public information open house (PIOH) for the widening of State Route 11/US19/Murphy Highway Tuesday, February 21, 2017. The Open House will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Blairsville Civic Center. It will be informal, and the public is invited to attend anytime during these hours. There will be no formal presentation. A court reporter will be available to allow the public an opportunity to make verbal comments about the project.

The project, scheduled for construction in 2023, will widen and reconstruct SR 11 from two lanes to four lanes. The widening will improve mobility and access, reduce congestion and enhance safety. The project's length is approximately 9 miles on SR 11/US19/Murphy Highway from State Route 515/US 76 in Blairsville north to SR 325/Nottely Dam Road in Union County.

This project will also include the construction of a two-lane bridge on SR 11/US 129 over Ivy Log Creek to carry the southbound traffic.

The proposed roadway will have 12 foot deceleration turn lanes for right turns at selected locations. Median opening will also be provided at selected locations. Intersection would be improved to include additional lanes on side streets and turning lanes where warranted. Roundabouts are being considered as an alternative to signalized intersections at the following five locations: Blue Ridge Street, Pat Haralson Memorial Drive, Pat Colwell Road, Gumlog Road, and Ivylog Road.

Concept reports, and other documents related to this project can be accessed from the Georgia Department of Transportation's interactive project search tool, [GeoPI](#) search for project ID 122200-.